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Announcements

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Building and Other Trades

CENSUS OF PRODUCTION 1935

The Board of Trade have in their possession corrected galley proofs of the following trades, which would have been published as Part IV of the Final Report on the Census of Production, had the type not been destroyed :—

Paper, Printing and Stationery Trades.
Timber Trades.
Clay and Building Materials Trades.
Building and Contracting Trade.
Mines and Quarries.
Public Utility Services.
Government Departments.

In view of indications that there may be a considerable demand for this volume at the present time, the Board of Trade are considering asking the Stationery Office to reproduce the galley proofs in sections. The first section which might be reproduced is that relating to the Building and Contracting Trade, the Clay and Building Materials Trades and the Timber Trades. This would form a volume containing roughly 200 pages about 10 in. × 8 in., and could be reproduced for 15s. a copy. Other sections which might be reproduced subsequently relate to (1) Paper, Printing and Stationery Trades, (2) Mines and Quarries and (3) Public Utility Services and Government Departments.

Before the work is put in hand, it is necessary to ascertain the demand. Accordingly, all those who would desire to obtain a copy, or copies, of the Building Trades section are requested to communicate during the next fortnight with the Assistant Secretary, Statistics Department, Board of Trade, Romney House East, Tufton Street, London, S.W.1, through whom alone copies will be obtainable. They are requested at the same time to say whether they will require copies of the other three sections if, and when, they are reproduced. Equally, if any body would like to have a copy of any of the other sections, though not requiring that relating to the building and ancillary trades, they should write to the above address.

Board of Trade Appointment

The Board of Trade announce that the Ministry of Production have consented to release Sir William Palmer, K.B.E., C.B., to take up the post of Principal Industrial Adviser to the Board of Trade.

In this new post he will be specially concerned with major questions of industrial reconstruction policy in connection with the engineering and other industries at present mainly engaged on war production.

General Apparel and Cloth

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made the General Apparel and Cloth (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 140, price 4d.) which comes into operation on 13th March 1944.

The purpose of this Order is to introduce the following changes in the provisions of the existing Orders (the General Apparel and Cloth Order, 1942, and the Orders amending it) which govern the maximum prices of non-utility apparel and cloth :—

1. The "standstill" on the manufacturers' prices of non-utility braces, gloves, shirts and certain children's outerwear is removed. Manufacturers' maximum prices for these goods are now to be calculated by adding to the manufacturers' costs of production and sale a percentage of net profit. The percentages laid down are as follows: (1) Infants', boys' and girls' wear (other than knitted goods, gloves, rubber-proofed and substitute rubber-proofed garments and oilskins) of the following descriptions: (i) outerwear, including frock and knicker sets, of sizes in respect of which purchase tax is not chargeable, 5 per cent.; (ii) bonnets, tams, pixie hoods and matching caps and hats, 5 per cent. (2) Braces, 5 per cent. (3) Gloves and other handwear, 4 per cent. (4) (i) Men's and youths' shirts (other than made-to-measure shirts) and boys' shirts, 4 per cent.; (ii) men's and youths' made-to-measure shirts, 5 per cent.

2. Certain related price lists are reissued under this Order. These are identical with the corresponding lists in existence, except that they have been re-numbered. New lists have been substituted for the existing ones in the case of goods manufactured by a Klippel & Co. Ltd. (No. 14) Young & Rochester Ltd., (No. 30) and also for standardised Narrow Fabrics (No. 33). Two new lists, for shirts manufactured by Cotella Ltd. (No. 5) and for hand-knitted jumpers manufactured by Anny Lewinter Ltd. (No. 16), have been added.

As the General Apparel and Cloth Order, 1942, has already been amended several times, opportunity has been taken to revoke the previous Orders and to make a consolidating Order. Apart from the changes mentioned above, and minor points of drafting, this new Order is identical with the existing provisions. One result of this is that the Order reproduces the existing retail margins expressed as a percentage of the price paid including purchase tax. This is a temporary arrangement and in no way modifies the intention to replace the present method by a calculation based on prices exclusive of purchase tax. Retail margins are at present under review and the alteration to a basis exclusive of tax will be made as soon as this review has been completed.

Utility Apparel

The Board of Trade have issued the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids') Outerwear (No. 2) Directions, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 159, price 3d.) which come into force on 6th March 1944 and replace the Utility Apparel (Women's and Maids' Outerwear) Directions, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 15th May 1943, p. 186).

The principal changes are :—

(1) The new Directions allow for the first time the use of non-wool cloths having the new five-figure specification numbers, but corresponding cloths having the old four-figure specification numbers may still be used. Certain new specifications for wool cloth have been added, and these as well as the old specification numbers appear in the Schedule. It is important to note that cloth No. 209A is not scheduled for any women's or maids' garments.

(2) In addition to the arrangements for the use of any cloth of an area not exceeding 10 per cent. of the total area of the cloth (not including linings and interlinings) used in the manufacture of a garment, there is now a provision for the joint use of cloths of different specifications in making dresses. Any two cotton or rayon utility cloths (other than cloths 1005/1 and 1005/2) may be combined in making dresses; but (*a*) if the ceiling prices for dresses made from each of the cloths are the same the specification number to be applied may be that of either of the cloths; or (*b*) if the ceiling prices are different the specification number to be applied is to be that of the lower-priced cloth and the appropriate ceiling price also is that of the lower-priced cloth.

The two down-pointed cloths 1005/1 and 1005/2 may be used jointly; the number 1005/1 must be applied and the ceiling price is that appropriate to 1005/1. These arrangements are intended to give manufacturers greater flexibility in production.

(3) Unlined jackets are added to the Schedule.

(4) (*a*) The ceiling price of blouses made from rayon cloths with a manufacturers' maximum selling price exceeding 3s. per square yard and not exceeding 3s. 3d. per square yard is now 14s. 6d. for long-sleeved blouses and 13s. for short-sleeved blouses on sale otherwise than to a retail customer. (*b*) The ceiling prices of raincoats made from wool gaberdines and from cotton gaberdines bearing a four-figure specification number have been increased. The manufacturers' permitted percentage of profit on cost of production and sale of these garments has been reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. It is now the same as for men's raincoats.

Civilian Clothing Restrictions

With regard to Part IV of Related Specification No. 2 issued by the Board of Trade under the provisions of the Civilian Clothing (Restrictions) Order, 1944 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 29th January 1944, page 34) the Board announce that, following representations which have been made to them, they are reconsidering the requirement that actual size measurements shall be shown on labels sewn to women's and maids' underwear and nightwear. Pending such reconsideration, an Order will be made which will have the effect of revoking sub-heads (ii) and (iii) of sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 4 and the proviso to such paragraph. The other requirements of the Related Specification are not affected. Adequate notice will be given if it is intended to reintroduce the requirement of marking actual size measurements or of any similar provision.

Knitted Goods

The Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 7) Directions, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 156, price 1d.), which came into operation on 1st March 1944, amend the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 6) Directions (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 13th November 1944, p. 426).

The amendments are as follows: (1) The Schedule to the No. 7 Directions takes the place of the First Schedule to the Knitted Goods (Manufacture and Supply) (No. 6) Directions and provides, *inter alia*, for the making up of infants' nightwear and women's pantees from utility interlock fabric No. 494, and (2) the profit margins for nightwear (except infants') are altered to correspond with those for underwear.

The Board of Trade have also issued Schedule "E" (price 1s. 3d.) of Specifications of Utility Knitted Goods which takes the place of Schedule "D" and List No. 1 of Amendments for all purposes except that Schedule "D" will still govern the prices of utility goods made to specifications which have been altered in, or omitted from, Schedule "E." Schedule "E" also contains further additions and amendments which have already been notified to registered manufacturers.

Toilet Preparations

The Board of Trade again wish to draw the attention of all traders (including retailers) to the provisions of the Toilet Preparations (No. 3) Order, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 28th August 1943, page 320) No. 1312, as amended by the (No. 4) Order (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 1st January 1944, page 2), by which they are prohibited from selling or otherwise supplying nail varnish, polish remover and any other toilet preparations containing more than 1 part in 200 (calculated by weight) of acetone or of any other of the prohibited solvents specified in the First Schedule to the Order. As already stated not only the sale of such goods but also the use of stocks in the course of a business, for example by a manicurist in a beauty salon, is prohibited.

Decoration of Domestic Pottery

The Board of Trade wish to call attention to the fact that the decoration of domestic pottery, whether before or after glazing, is prohibited by the Domestic Pottery (Manufacture and Supply) Directions, 1942 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 6th June 1942, p. 282), except under the authority of a licence issued by the Board. The Board would be grateful for the co-operation of wholesalers and retailers in bringing these regulations to the notice of any persons who may not be aware of the position. Only very few persons have, on special grounds of hardship, been authorised to decorate pottery, and any person who offers for sale on the home market pottery which he has decorated should hold a Board of Trade licence authorising him to do so; if he has no such licence the supply would be illegal.

Trading with the Enemy

NETHERLANDS CONCERNS TRANSFERRED TO NETHERLANDS OVERSEAS TERRITORY

With reference to the notice under the above heading in *Board of Trade Journal*, 23rd May 1942 (page 264) following is a further concern which the Netherlands Government has certified as having transferred its seat from the Netherlands or the Netherlands East Indies:—

SEAT TRANSFERRED TO CURAÇAO

Handelmaatschappij Orsa N.V.

ADVICE TO SHIPPERS

VESSELS AGAINST WHICH DISCRIMINATION IS BEING EXERCISED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE

(*a*) *Shipowners on the Statutory List*

Shippers, banks and other financial and commercial concerns are hereby notified that the following vessels belong to owners who are included in the Statutory List, and that it is an offence against the Trading with the Enemy Act for any shipper to make use of such vessels. Shipments by such vessels in addition to being liable to seizure render the shippers or those connected with the consignment liable to prosecution.

The amended list now reads as follows:—

Vessel	Flag	Tons	Owners or Charterers
Galatasaray	Turkey	724	Sadikogin, Aslan, Kaptan
Crespi (ex Jose Trujillo)	Spain	338	Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.
San Juan II ...	Ditto	552	Ditto
Adeje (may also be found bearing the name Nicolini flying the German flag	Ditto	253	Ditto
Isora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Rigel (ex Tercio Montejurra) ...	Ditto	549	Ditto
Maribel	Ditto	398	Ditto
Salvador	Ditto	130	Ditto
Alcora	Ditto	216	Ditto
Linette	Ditto	398	Ditto
Bachi...	Ditto	3,077	Cia Naviera Bachi (Hijos de Astigarraga) (Controlled by Cia Comercial Maritima de Transportes S.A.)
Kauldi	Ditto	3,157	Ditto
Manuchu	Ditto	3,119	Ditto
Tom	Ditto	3,056	Ditto
Almagro	Argentina	282	A. M Delfino y Cia
San Martin	Ditto	220	Ditto
Comodoro Rivadavia	Ditto	4,482	Argentina Neuva Cia General de Navegacion
Rio Blanco (ex Madryn) ...	Ditto	1,827	Ditto
Atleta	Ditto	105	La Portena Empresa de Remolcadores
Ciclope	Ditto	173	Ditto
Coloso	Ditto	247	Ditto
Gigante	Ditto	236	Ditto
Goilat	Ditto	237	Ditto
Hercules	Ditto	173	Ditto
Samson	Ditto	237	Ditto
Titan	Ditto	188	Ditto
Industrial	Spain	513	Soc Anon Cristobal Colon of Madrid
Marina	Ditto	172	Ditto
Suevia	Ditto	353	Ditto
San Rafael Archangel	Ditto	98	Julio Gonsales Martin, Las Palmas
Maria del Pilar G. ...	Ditto	54	Ditto
Presidente Mitre ...	Argentina	372	Cia Argentina Comercial e Industrial de Pesqueria
Presidente Roca ...	Ditto	412	Ditto
Carvalho	Portugal	27	Henrique Da Silva Pinto Ferro
Herlinda	Panama	452	Gulf Shipping Co
Maria 3°	Portugal	56	Pedro Joao de Sousa
Maria 5°	Ditto	56	Ditto
Guadiana 4° ...	Ditto	13	Ditto
Maria Menuela ...	Ditto	10	Ditto
Blanca de C	Spain	285	Ramon Carranza
Ramon de Carranza	Ditto	224	Ditto
Reina Victoria ...	Ditto	162	Ditto
Paco Nino ...	Ditto	30	Ditto
San Vicente ...	Ditto	40	Ditto
Paco	Ditto	300	Almadabra Marroqui
Negro (trawler) (ex Purification Costas Maravilla) ...	Ditto	109	Viuda de Botello (Senora Gally)
Blanco (trawler) (ex Manuel Gestoso Chicha)	Ditto	109	Ditto
Antonio Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	112	Manuel Gestoso Costas
Jose Chicha (trawler)	Ditto	?	Ditto
Sevim	Turkey	1,164	Abdi Vehbi Dural
Atlantides	Sweden	9,650	Rederi A/B Atlantides
Solvik	Ditto	649	Ditto
Miguel Caldenty ...	Spain	74	Juan Mora A. Bou
Nuevo Corazon ...	Ditto	132	Ditto
San Cayetano ...	Argentina	400	"Cardimex" Comp. Argentia, de Importacion y Exportacion S A
Nuestra Senora de la Almudena ...	Spain	41	Otto Gerdtzen
Manen	Ditto	398	Angel Rivas Suardiaz
Skansen	Sweden	744	Enborning Kemiskt-Tekniskt A/B
Solbris	Ditto	466	Rederi A/B Beliatrix
Nordanbris (ex Pollux)	Ditto	8,971	Ditto
Ostbris	Ditto	978	Ditto
Sunnanbris	Ditto	8,721	Rederi A/B Erious
Westbris	Ditto	972	Ditto
Hia Africa	Spain	85	Salah Ben Hamza

OCCUPIED CHINA (EXCLUDING MANCHURIA)

(1) By virtue of the Trading with the Enemy (Custodian) (China) Order, 1943 (S. R. & O. 1943 No. 1417, price 1d.), money payable by a banker to or for the benefit of an individual or body of persons resident or carrying on business in occupied China (excluding Manchuria) was exempted from payment to the Custodian of Enemy Property and the Market was notified in T.W.E.D. Notice to Banks No. 8, dated 5th October 1943 (which is reproduced below) of the effect of this Order and the procedure to be followed.

(2) *Collection of Dividends, Interest, etc., on behalf of Persons in Occupied China.*

Authority is hereby given on behalf of the Treasury and the Board of Trade so far as the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939, and Orders made thereunder are concerned: (*a*) for any company or registrar, if otherwise satisfied to do so, to pay to any bank for or on behalf of any individual or body of persons resident in or carrying on business in Occupied China (excluding Manchuria) money due in respect of coupons or by way of dividends and interest on securities or arising from payment, redemption or acquisition by His Majesty's Treasury under Regulation 1 of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, of bearer, registered or inscribed securities which but for the existence of a state of war would be payable to or for the benefit of such individual or body of persons. In the case of such money payable to persons carrying on business in Occupied China and also in other enemy territory this authority applies only to money payable for the purposes of the business carried on in Occupied China. (*b*) For any bank in the United Kingdom to collect such money on behalf of such individual or body of persons and to deal with it in accordance with T.W.E.D. Notice to Banks No. 8. A certificate by the collecting bank that collection is made under this authority should be given in place of a declaration of non-enemy interest.

(3) *Collections to be subject to Defence (Finance) Regulations.*

The Treasury hereby give permission for sums collected under the foregoing authority to be credited to accounts in the names of beneficiaries being accounts blocked under Regulation 2A of the Defence (Finance) Regulations 1939 (see paragraphs 2 and 3 of T.W.E.D. Notice to Banks No. 8). Such credits are to be included *separately* in the monthly substitute Sterling Transfer Forms.

(4) *Investment of Money of British Subjects.*

Authority is further given on behalf of the Treasury and Board of Trade for any bank in the United Kingdom, at its discretion, to exercise such powers as it may have to invest money exempt from payment to the Custodian of Enemy Property by virtue of the Trading with the Enemy (China) (Custodian) Order, 1943 (which includes money referred to in paragraph 2 above) and held for the account of British subjects resident in the occupied parts of China (excluding Manchuria) by subscription to (*a*) British Government securities from time to time on "tap" issue; (*b*) 3% Defence Bonds; and (*c*) National Savings Certificates. Securities in (*a*) and (*b*) so purchased must be registered in the name of the bank concerned or of its nominees in the United Kingdom and National Savings Certificates should be registered in the name of the account holder. In all cases of purchase of (*a*) on the Post Office Register and (*b*) and (*c*), banks must certify that the purchase moneys have been debited to the account of a resident of occupied China and are invested under the authority of T.W.E.D. Notice No. 10.

(5) *Debit of Accounts.*

As regards the Directions circulated by the British Bankers Association on 28th July 1941, given by the Treasury pursuant to Regulation 2A of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, the Treasury have agreed that banks may, without reference to the Bank of England, debit the accounts of residents of occupied China for the purpose of making investments under the foregoing authority.

(6) *Variation of Investments, Sales.*

Permission will be required from the Trading with the Enemy Department and the Bank of England to vary the investments or to sell them.

(7) *Report to the Custodian.*

Securities purchased under the authority contained in this Notice must be reported to the Custodian of Enemy Property as provided for in paragraph 4 of T.W.E.D. Notice to Banks No. 8.

H. S. GREGORY (*Controller-General*).

T.W.E.D. NOTICE TO BANKS NO. 8

(1) The Board of Trade have issued the Trading with the Enemy (Custodian) (China), Order, 1943, exempting from payment to the Custodian of Enemy Property money payable by a banker to individuals or bodies of persons resident or carrying on business in the occupied parts of China (excluding Manchuria). In the case of money payable to persons carrying on business in occupied China and also in other enemy territory the exemption applies only to money attributable to that part of the business carried on in occupied China.

(2) The Directions given on 28th July 1941, by the Treasury pursuant to Regulation 2A of the Defence (Finance) Regulations, 1939, remain in force and any payment prohibited by those Directions requires the sanction of the Bank of England.

(3) Individuals or bodies of persons resident or carrying on business in the occupied parts of China remain "enemies" within the meaning of the Trading with the Enemy Act, 1939, and bankers may not make payments on their behalf or by their order except with authority given thereunder. The Bank of England has been empowered in certain cases to give such authority and applications should be made in the first instance to the Bank of England both for permission under Regulation 2A and for authority under the Trading with the Enemy Act.

(4) Paragraph 2 of the Notice to Banks and Bankers of 9th December 1941 is hereby withdrawn and banks should now report to the Custodian all assets, other than money, held or managed on behalf of individuals or bodies of persons resident or carrying on business in Occupied China.

Perambulators

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made the Perambulator (Maximum Prices and Charges) Order, 1944 (S. R. & O. 1944 No. 147, price 4d.) which came into operation on 1st March and consolidates all the existing Perambulator (Maximum Prices and Charges) Orders. The new Order embodies certain adjustments, the chief of which are as follows: (1) Provision is made for computing the price of models *not* included in the Schedule to the Order: (2) The provision for cash or settlement discount has been altered, the maximum price charged in respect of the sale of goods (otherwise than to a retail customer) shall be reduced by not less than 3¾ per cent. when payment is made within ten days from the day on which the goods were consigned; and 2½ per cent. when payment is made within one calendar month; (3) a number of new models have been added to the existing Schedule; (4) a few models have been taken out of the Schedule.

General Hardware and Ironmongery

The Central Price Regulation Committee desires to examine the operation of the General Hardware and Ironmongery (Maximum Prices) Order, 1943 (see *Board of Trade Journal*, 30th October 1943, page 410), in so far as this Order affects manufacturers, and to discuss the provisions of the Order with the manufacturers concerned, preferably through their respective associations.

The Committee therefore invite all associations of manufacturers of goods listed in Part I of the Schedule to this Order, and manufacturers not members of any such association, who wish, to make communication with the Secretary of the Central Price Regulation Committee, Queen Anne's Chambers, 41 Tothill Street, London, S.W.1, not later than 1st April 1944.

Production and Engineering Bulletin

Recent issues of "Production and Engineering Bulletin," the journal published jointly by the Ministry of Labour and National Service and the Ministry of Production each month, have included practical articles ranging from "The Employment of Limbless Workers," "Loss of Labour through Dermatitis," "Shepherds who make Steel," on the one hand, to "Practical Applications of Quality Control," "Planned Production Gauging," "Simplifying Machine Setting" and "Fuel Efficiency" on the other. The longer articles, which are well illustrated and informative, are interspersed with pictorial displays and regular features on topics of special interest to engineers, such as "Jottings from the Machine Tool Control," "Spotlights on Production," "News from the Training Centres" and so forth.

"Production and Engineering Bulletin" is a free distribution to Managements and Employers in the Engineering and Allied Industries and is intended to reach all supervisory staff, including foremen and, if shop stewards and Joint Production Committees wish, copies are made available to them. Employers in this field not already receiving the Bulletin who would like to be included on the mailing list should write to the Director of Public Relations, Ministry of Labour and National Service, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1.

British Standard Specifications

BUTT-WELDED BLANKS FOR CUTTING TOOLS

Butt-welded blanks have been used in the tool manufacturing industry for many years and experience has shown that tools

produced from such blanks are equal in performance to those produced from high speed steel, provided certain precautions are taken in the design, and that an appropriate method of heat treatment is used.

The necessity for conserving high speed steel has led the Ministry of Supply to co-operate with the tool manufacturers and the British Standards Institution in the preparation of a war emergency British Standard which has recently been issued and which establishes the dimensions of such blanks, comprising a high speed steel portion butt welded to a medium carbon steel shank, for the manufacture of shank type cutting tools such as lathe and planer tools, twist drills, reamers, milling cutters and machine nut taps.

This British Standard gives the general overall dimensions of the blanks and the length of high speed steel, the dimensions standardised being suitably related to the British Standards for milling cutters, reamers, drills and screwing taps. For convenience in ordering each blank is given a reference number.

The standard describes a recommended heat treatment and also includes an appendix giving the weight of high speed steel for each size of blank.

Copies of this British Standard, B.S. 1119: 1943, may be obtained on application to the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 2s. post free.

DRY GELATINE GLUE

The revision of this specification (B.S. 5 V. 11) has been prepared in order to adopt the method of testing using Beech Test Slips, which has been developed for testing Casein Glue.

Apart, therefore, from the necessary modifications to the figure for tensile strength which has been adapted to meet the new method of test, the requirements of the specification have not been altered.

The description of the method of testing, including the requirements for the Test Slips all follow along the lines of the Casein Glue Specification.

Copies of the revised specification are available from the British Standards Institution, 28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, price 1s. each post free.

United Kingdom Corn Prices

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries states that the average prices of British corn per hundredweight in the week ended 26th February 1944 were wheat, 15s. 6d.; barley, 27s. 9d.; and oats, 16s. 6d.

Ministry of Food Orders

In continuation of the list given in *Board of Trade Journal*, 19th February 1944 (page 62), the following Orders, made by the Ministry of Food, have been published as S. R. & O. 1944:—

No. 135. The Canned Fruit and Vegetables Order, 1944, dated 8th February 1944 (price 3d.).

No. 136. The Flour Confectionery (Control and Maximum Prices) Order, 1944, dated 9th February 1944 (price 2d.).

No. 167. The Retail Prices (Notices) Order, 1944, dated 17th February 1944 (price 1d.).

No. 174. The Imported Canned Marmalade (Prohibition of Retail Sales) Order, 1944, dated 21st February 1944 (price 1d.).

Postal Notices

WIRELESS RECEIVING APPARATUS IN ROAD VEHICLES

The Postmaster-General announces that an Order-in-Council has revoked Defence Regulation 8 (3A) which provided that, apart from certain authorised exceptions, no person should use or have in his possession or under his control any wireless receiving apparatus installed in a road vehicle.

Wireless receiving apparatus may now be carried on road vehicles without a special permit apart from the ordinary 10s. receiving licence where required under the usual conditions.

An owner of a receiving set which was impounded by the police from a road vehicle in 1940 should apply for the return of his set to the police of the district in which the set was impounded.

CIVIL POSTAL SERVICE WITH SICILY, SARDINIA AND SOUTHERN ITALY

The Postmaster-General announces that the civil postal service with Sicily, Sardinia, and the following provinces in Southern Italy, viz.: Bari, Brindisi, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Lecce, Matera, Potenza, Reggio di Calabria, Salerno, Taranto, has been restored. In consequence of an order issued by the Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Theatre, the service, until further notice, will be restricted to unregistered letters not exceeding 2 ounces in weight, and postcards, of a purely personal nature. No business, commercial, or financial correspondence will be allowed.

The rates of postage are the normal foreign rates, viz.: *Letters*, 3d. for the first oz. and 1½d. for each additional oz. and *Postcards*, 2d.

For the present no Air Mail, Money Order, or Parcel Post facilities are available.

It is desirable that the name of the province should be shown in the address.

Customs Regulations and Tariff Changes

Australia

QUARANTINE PROHIBITIONS

The High Commissioner for Australia has received telegraphic advice from the Commonwealth Government that Proclamations have been issued under the Quarantine Act, prohibiting the importation into Australia of

(*a*) Dogs from any country except New Zealand.

(*b*) Animal casings from any country other than Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Eire, Canada, New Zealand, or United States of America.

United States of America

TRADE PRACTICE RULES FOR THE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT AND ACCESSORIES INDUSTRIES

The Board of Trade have received a copy of "Trade Practice Rules for the Musical Instrument and Accessories Industry."

A copy of these rules can be seen by persons interested on application to the Department of Overseas Trade, Hawkins House, Dolphin Square, London, S.W.1.

Trade and Industry

British India

CROP CONDITIONS AND OUTLOOK

The Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, reports as follows on the crops in India for the weeks ended on the dates given:—

Madras, 5th February. The sowing of paddy and dry crops is proceeding. Crops are fair except in parts of the Deccan.

Bihar, 14th February. Crops are fair. The threshing of paddy is being completed. The harvesting and crushing of sugarcane are proceeding.

Orissa, 14th February. The threshing of saradh paddy and the pressing of sugarcane are proceeding. Dalua paddy and wheat are thriving.

Punjab, 14th February. Crops are unchanged.

Central Provinces, 11th February. Rabi is in good condition. The picking of cotton and the threshing of paddy are nearly over.

Assam, 21st February. Crop prospects are fair to good.

Bengal, 16th February. The harvesting of spring crops is proceeding. Prospects are fair.

GROUNDNUT CROP

The final estimate of the area covered by the All-India 1943–44 groundnut crop is 8,531,000 acres, an increase of 11 per cent. compared with the corresponding revised figure for last year of 7,697,000. The yield is estimated at 3,323,000 tons, an increase of 16 per cent. compared with the corresponding figure for last year of 2,858,000. The condition of the crop is good on the whole.

Canada

BRITISH COLUMBIA AND NEW BRUNSWICK WATER POWER

The Dominion Water and Power Bureau, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, state that the increasing power needs of the shipbuilding and other wartime industries and of military establishments were satisfactorily met as they arose by the

building of new distribution circuits and the provision of additional or larger transformer equipment.

The construction of the new generating station at Brilliant on the Kootenay River has been proceeded with. Two turbines of 34,000 h.p. each are now being installed, with provision for two similar units later. This is the fifth station on the Kootenay River, and its full installation in conjunction with those of the other four plants will provide a total of 414,000 h.p. and result in the complete utilisation of the power possibilities of the river.

Preliminary work is also being proceeded with on a power site on the Nation River in the Cassiar district to provide power over a 60-mile transmission line to the Pinchi Creek mercury property:

No new hydraulic installation was in progress in New Brunswick during 1942 but the new Brunswick Electricity Power Commission completed the installation of a new 7,500 kv.a. steam turbine in its Grand Lake Station last May. The installation of the new station totals 20,000 kv.a.

Chile

FOREIGN TRADE JANUARY–JUNE 1943

The following is a comparative summary of the official returns of Chile's foreign trade for the first six months of 1943 and the two preceding years:—

Period	Imports	Exports	Trade Balance
	Thou.	pesos of	6d. gold.
January–June 1943 ...	275,702	430,742	+ 155,040
January–June 1942 ...	297,354	425,498	+ 128,144
January–June 1941 ...	228,452	343,475	+ 115,023

The above figures do not include imports and exports of bullion and specie, nor do they indicate Chile's effective balance of trade because the whole of the proceeds of copper and nitrate exports does not become available to pay for imports.

In comparison with the first six months of 1942, there was an increase during the like period of 1943 of over 3 per cent. in the volume of imports but a fall of about 7 per cent. in the value. Although the volume of exports declined by more than 29 per cent., the higher values of shipments of manufactured products, wool and sheepskins caused the corresponding value of exports to rise by 1·2 per cent.

CHIEF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Details of the principal imports and exports in the first six months of 1943, with the comparable figures for the corresponding period in 1942 shown in parenthesis, are as follows:—

Imports (values in pesos of 6d. gold)—textiles, 40,621,900 pesos (45,633,600); minerals, coal, petroleum and diesel oil, 40,279,900 pesos (30,471,200); industrial oils, paints and chemical products, 34,017,200 pesos (47,473,000); sugar and its derivatives, 27,236,500 pesos (21,727,800); machinery, tools and electrical equipment, 24,828,900 pesos (31,604,000); iron, steel and other metals and manufactures, 20,579,800 pesos (28,306,500); livestock, 18,192,700 pesos (8,091,900); tea, coffee, cocoa and Yerba maté, 12,047,700 pesos (10,616,500); transport material, 11,118,400 pesos (19,637,200); raw cotton, 5,273,500 pesos (6,805,700); scientific instruments, 4,817,100 pesos (7,444,700); sunflower seed, 4,646,300 pesos (3,525,700); stone, earthenware and glass, 3,927,400 pesos (4,745,100); paper and cardboard, 3,151,400 pesos (3,934,500).

Exports—(values in pesos of 6d. gold) metallic and non-metallic minerals (including copper bars, nitrate and iodine), 333,859,200 pesos (351,606,200); manufactured products, 33,985,300 pesos (18,788,200); wool, 25,723,800 pesos (19,322,600); agricultural products (excluding hemp fibres), 18,081,700 pesos (18,146,300); hemp fibre, 6,993,300 pesos (9,967,700); sheepskins, 5,377,200 pesos (2,205,000); and meat, 3,573,300 pesos (3,827,800).

Paraguay

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

The "Guaranty Survey" published by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York states that the trends of agricultural production in 1943 showed unusual disparities. The cotton crop, estimated at 31,200 bales, the largest output since 1938, was about 20 per cent. above the average production in recent years. Because of its unusual length, the Paraguayan fibre has distinctive quality that is sought by manufacturers in other countries and the product constitutes about 25 per cent. of the country's export. Yields of tobacco and sugar in 1943 were reported as below normal. The output of the latter product is estimated at 9,000 tons, 10 per cent. less than the apparent requirement for consumption.

Satisfactory conditions in the meat industries were reported in the early part of last year. In later months, however, pastures were affected by drought, and prospective supplies of cattle available for operations in the next packing season which begins in the early part of the current year, occasioned some concern. The need for special Government measures to assure adequate supplies of meat for domestic consumption is evidenced by the substantial increase of the cattle subsidy payable by export packers. A portion of the subsidy, which is the equivalent of approximately a cent a pound is used to compensate buyers for the cold market who may have to pay more than the fixed prices in order to obtain cattle in competition with packers supplying foreign markets.

Sweden

THE BUDGET, 1944–45

According to the "Anglo-Swedish Review" the budget estimates for the financial year July 1944 to June 1945, show expenditure to a total of 3,774 million kronor (£220 million) or practically the same amount as in the estimate for the current financial year. About 1,820 million kronor (£107,500,000) of this amount are defence costs. Of the remaining sum, well over 500 million kronor (£29,500,000) are intended for social welfare purposes and 300 million kronor (£18 million) for payment of interest on the national debt.

The revenue is calculated at 3,106 million kronor (£182,500,000), which means an increase of about 326 million kronor compared with the present budget year. About 2,538 million kronor are made up of taxes and 279 million kronor of revenue from the State business enterprises.

The expected deficit on next year's budget, to be covered by loans, thus amounts to 668 million kronor (£39,250,000)—which, however, will most likely be increased—as compared with a deficit of between 1,200 and 1,300 million kronor foreshadowed in the current budget.

As usual, the budget includes a special budget comprising estimated capital investments in State business enterprises, etc. The total amount is 548 million kronor (£32,250,000), 155 million kronor of which are covered out of available funds. Of this money, 94 million kronor are intended for the continued electrification of the State railways and the purchase of rolling stock, etc., 39 million kronor for the further development of the country's hydro-electric power supply, 67 million kronor for administrative buildings, etc., for the defence forces, while 100 million kronor are to be used to subsidise housing.

No increased or new taxes are proposed.

In addition to the 100 million kronor (£6 million) recently granted by the Riksdag for internal reconstruction and relief work, the Government requests further grants for the care of sick children from Denmark, Finland and Norway, and also that the assistance given to Finnish invalids be extended to comprise invalids from other countries.

Publications Received

Guaranty Trust Company of New York: Statement of Condition, 31st December 1943.

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"*Commerce*." November (No. 11) and December (No. 12), 1943. Published by the Sydney Chamber of Commerce (Incorporated). Price 6d. each net.

The British Journal Photographic Almanac, 1944. Editor: Arthur J. Dalladay, A.Inst.P. 384 pages and a 32-page pictorial photogravure supplement. London: Henry Greenwood & Co. Ltd., 25 Wellington Street, London, W.C.2. 3s. 6d. net (paper covers); 5s. net (cloth bound).

In view of the comprehensive nature of the book, attention is directed to the extensive revision of the formulæ Section, particularly in regard to developers, and to the more scientific applications of photography such as oscillograph recording; and also to an entirely new feature—a Glossary of Technical Terms. By the temporary omission of some relatively unimportant matter space has been found for these valuable additions. When the restrictions on paper are relaxed, it is hoped that the new features will be retained and developed without the need for any sacrifice of other matter.

British Guiana Commercial Review, Vol. XXVI., Nos. 10 and 11, October and November 1943. Published by the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Georgetown, South America.

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PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 24 OF THE ACTS

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The following Patents were indorsed "Licences of Right" on the dates mentioned :—

No. of Patent	Grantee	Subject Matter
	23rd February 1944	
496439	Loscher, L.	Combination garments.
526005	Blackburn Aircraft Ltd. & anr.	Device for determining and indicating uniformly spaced points.
529124	Schweizerische Industrie-Ges.	Device for adjusting wrapping sheets on wrapping machines.
531056	Arnold, C. L. & ors. ...	Means for mounting electrical accessories.
536353	English Electric Co. Ltd.	Electric switchgear.
537584	Schärer, K. J. ...	Thread winding machines having a plurality of winding spindles.
	25th February 1944	
355674	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd. (H. A. Brassert & Co.).	Hot blast stoves.
370018	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd. (H. A. Brassert & ors.).	Blast furnaces.
406688	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd. (H. A. Brassert)	Screening or filtering apparatus.
467079	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Filtering apparatus.
485881	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Manufacture of steel.
492740	H. A. Brassert & anr.	Dephosphorising and/or desulphurising of steel.
507200	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Bessemer converter.
520277	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Manufacture of iron and steel.
525113	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Controlling the temperature of industrial furnaces.
525591	H. A. Brassert & Co. Ltd.	Manufacture of steel by the basic bessemer process.

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Principal Government Publications Relating to Trade and Shipping issued since 1st March 1943

1943–1944 Clothing Quiz. Nov. 1, 1943. 2d. (3d.); 25, 3s. 6d. (4s. 1d.).

Apparel and Textiles Order, 1942 : *List of persons whose names were on 20th September 1943 entered in the Register of Manufacturers of Headwear. 2d. (3d.).

Apparel and Textiles Order, 1942, and Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1943 : *Lists of persons whose names were on 1st September 1943 entered in the following Registers : Manufacturers of Corsets. 1d. (2d.) : Manufacturers of Footwear. 3d. (4d.) ; Manufacturers of Fur Apparel. 2d. (3d.) ; Manufacturers of Gloves. 1d. (2d.) ; Manufacturers of Knitted Goods. 3d. (4d.).

Board of Trade Journal. 6d. (7d.) Annual Subscription, 26s. (30s.).

Company Law Amendment Committee (Chairman, Mr. Justice Cohen) : Minutes of Evidence. 17th September 1943. 9d. (10d.) ; 24th September and 1st October 1943. 1s. 6d. (1s. 8d.) ; 29th October, 12th and 26th November 1943. 4s. (4s. 4d.) ; 10th December 1943. 2s. (2s. 2d.) ; 21st December 1943. 2s. (2s. 2d.).

Consumer Rationing (Consolidation) Order, 1943 : *Lists of persons whose names were on 1st September 1943 entered in the following Registers : Exporters of Woven Piece Goods. 2d. (3d.) ; Manufacturers of Hand Knitting Yarn. 2d. (3d.) ; Manufacturers of Woven Non-Wool Cloth. 9d. (10d.) : Manufacturers of Woven Wool Cloth, Part I. 4d. (5d.) ; Special Producers 4d. (5d.).

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Export (Control of) : List of Goods, the exportation of which from the United Kingdom is controlled under the Export of Goods (Control) (No. 10) Order, 1943, showing the position on 15th January 1944. 6d. (7d.).

Limitations of Supplies (Miscellaneous) (No. 19) Order, 1943 : *List of persons whose names were on 1st March 1943 entered in the Home Trade Register. 2s. (2s. 2d.).

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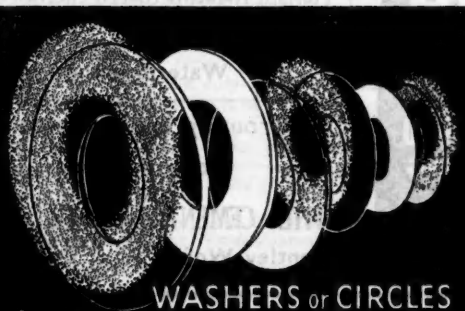

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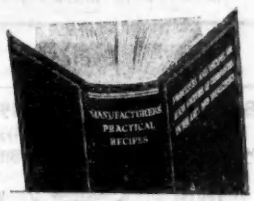

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